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ATTACHMENT 2

Public Process Protocol for Impact Evaluation Study Scoping (Revised)

Description of the Planning Process to Develop Specific Evaluation Studies and Budgets For Impact Studies

1. **Risk Analysis**

Joint Staff and its consultants will conduct a risk analysis to identify key uncertainties in program strategy and measure savings estimates.

2. **Peer Review and Expert Input on Risk Analysis
and Joint Staff Priority Assessment**

After conducting an initial risk analysis with technical consultants, Joint Staff will schedule private meetings to gather input on the uncertainty and risks associated with the *ex ante* estimates of program savings included in the portfolio administrator filings. The purpose of these meetings is to help Joint Staff allocate evaluation resources to those programs, program strategies, measures, and parameters with the highest level of uncertainty and/or that constitute a significant portion of the total portfolio savings. Joint Staff will invite technical evaluation experts to provide their assessment on the level of certainty in current estimates of baseline unit energy consumption's measure energy savings estimates, measure or customer level participation estimates, net-to-gross adjustments, and expected useful life estimates for a select group of measures and program strategies. Joint Staff will then conduct a priority assessment and budgeting exercise that utilizes the results of the risk analysis.

3. **Public Workshop on Risk Analysis and Priority Assessment**

Joint Staff will hold a public workshop to solicit input on the risk analysis and the proposed evaluation priorities. Joint Staff will send out written materials that will familiarize parties with the process that was undertaken and the results that Joint Staff generated through that process in advance of the workshop. Joint Staff will refine or adjust their risk analysis and priority assessment taking into account feedback that parties provide during the workshop (and if possible in written comments).

4. **Requests for Proposals (RFPs) Issued and Contractors Selected**

Joint Staff will prepare and release RFPs and select contractors for each program impact evaluation project.

5. **Draft Evaluation Plans**

Joint Staff and selected contractors will develop draft evaluation plans for each evaluation project. The evaluation plans will identify the methodology to be employed and the most important parameters to be verified in order to ensure that the program administrator savings can be assessed. This material will be posted on the Commission's website and distributed to the Energy Efficiency rulemaking service list.

6. **Public Comments or Workshop on Draft Evaluation Plans**

Joint Staff will request public comments or hold public workshops to solicit input on the draft evaluation plans.

7. **Final Evaluation Plans**

After the comments or workshop, Joint Staff and contractors will prepare and post FINAL impact evaluation plans to the CPUC website and distribute to the Energy Efficiency rulemaking service list.

Joint Staff reserves the right to make changes based on comments or decide to remain with its original plans.

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